

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
ETHICS BOARD
MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2013**

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SUNSHINE LAW: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time, and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of the Ethics Board. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to **The Record** and the **Ridgewood News**, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

ROLL CALL: Thomas Ciotti, Jena Edone, Adriann Green - present, John McKenna, Ted Pomeroy, Thomas Reagan-absent.

Also present at the meeting was Kathy Schaefer, Ethics Board Secretary.

Motion to open the meeting to the public: Mr. Ciotti

Second: Miss Edone,

All in favor: Aye.

There being no members of the public present, motion to close the meeting to the present: Mr. Ciotti

Second: Ms. Edone

All in favor: Aye.

Copies of the Minutes of September 20, 2012 were sent to members of the Board prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the September 20, 2012 Minutes: Ms. Edone

Second: Mr. Ciotti

All in favor: Aye.

Copies of the Closed Session Minutes of September 20, 2012 were sent to the members of the Board prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve the Closed Session minutes of September 20, 2012: Mr. Ciotti

Second: Ms. Edone

All in favor: Aye

Mr. Pomeroy arrived at the meeting at 7:12pm.

Copies of the RFQ for Board Attorney for 2013 submitted by Ethan Sheffett, Esq. were sent to the members of the Board prior to the meeting. Discussion following regarding the RFQ. In his statement sent to the Board, Mr. Sheffett indicated that his billing per hour was \$145.00/\$150.00, which is higher than the prevailing rate. It was agreed that the Board Secretary would call Mr. Sheffett the following day to determine if Mr. Sheffett would accept the prevailing rate. It was

also agreed that if Mr. Sheffet did not accept the prevailing rate, that the Board would have to re-advertise for the attorney position and that Ms. Rizzuto would be the hold over attorney until an attorney was hired. Question arose as to the status of where Ms. Rizzuto was in carrying out two issues which were remaining from 2012. The Board Secretary advised that she had sent an email to Ms. Rizzuto, requesting an update and has not received anything back from her as of today. Mr. Ciotti stated that it would make sense that if Ms. Rizzuto did not starting working on those two items, that Mr. Sheffet, if agreeable to the prevailing rate, should do the work. Ms. Green agreed and stated that if Ms. Rizzuto had started on the work, she should hand it off to Mr. Sheffet.

Motion to accept Mr. Sheffet's RFQ provided that he agrees to accept the prevailing rate of \$125 per hour: Mr. Pomeroy
Second: Ms. Edone
All in favor: Aye

Motion to re-advertise for Ethics Board Attorney for 2013 if Mr. Sheffet is not willing to accept the prevailing rate: Mr. Ciotti
Second: Mr. Pomeroy
All in favor: Aye

Mr. Reagan joined the meeting at 7:25pm.

The Board Secretary advised that at the present time, Tom Reagan is Chair and Adriann Green is Co-Chair. Mr. Reagan and Ms. Green were reappointed as Chair and Co-Chair.

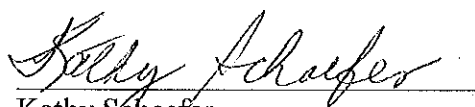
A recap of the meeting was given to Mr. Reagan.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mr. Pomeroy
Second: Ms. Edone
All in favor: Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2013.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

 2/1/13
Kathy Schaefer
Ethics Board Secretary